

Remarks

Claims 3-25 are canceled.

Claims 1 and 2 are amended.

Claims 1 and 2 are now the only claims of this application and are under consideration.

Claims 1 and 2 are amended to be limited to compounds of formula C. Further, the following limitations also apply: n is 1 and R_5 is a group of formula I.

Provisos at the end of claim 1 are deleted as unnecessary. Claim 2 is amended to be consistent with claim 1.

No new matter is added.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications aimed at the non-elected, canceled subject matter.

The Examiner states that claims 1 and 2 are allowable upon cancellation of non-elected subject matter.

Applicants understanding of the Action is that further restriction applies, that is, where at least one of G_1 or G_2 is halogen.

Alternatively, Applicants have amended claim 1 to be strictly limited to a compound of formula C where n is 1 and where R_5 is a hindered amine moiety of formula I, that is hindered piperidine benzotriazole-hydroxyhydrocinnamate compounds. The group G_1 is hydrogen or halogen and the group G_2 is hydrogen or is chosen from a series of heteroatom containing substituents.

Applicants kindly request the present compounds of formula C to be examined as one invention. It is believed examination of the present compounds so limited will not place an undue burden on the Examiner. Applicants submit that present formula C is a proper Markush group with a single inventive concept.

Applicants point out that the majority of the specific compounds of original claim 2 are of present formula C according to amended claim 1. A significant number of the present compounds of formula C are reduced to practice as displayed in the working Examples.

The elected ultimate specie, as outlined in the Election filed Aug. 25, 2003, is the compound of present working Example 1: 1-(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropoxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-piperidin-4-yl 3-(5-chlorobenzotriazol-2-yl)-5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate, found on page 44 of the specification. The compound is also component (a) of present claim 2 and therefore reads on both claims 1 and 2.

The help of the Examiner in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Applicants submit that the present compounds are patentable and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

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